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SUBVERSION

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SUMMARY: THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE CHINA POST EDITORIAL OF
JUNE 29 CITES CH'EN CHU'S ARREST AS "PROOF" OF MOJ BUREAU
OF INVESTIGATION DIRECTOR GEN. JUAN CHENG-CHANG'S CLAIM
THAT PRC HAS LAUNCHED ALL-OUT EFFORT TO STRENGTHEN INFIL-
TRATION AND SUBVERSION TACTICS IN TAIWAN. ASSOCIA-
TION OF CH'EN WITH COMMUNISTS APPEARS TO BE CAREFULLY AND
GRADUALLY DEVELOPED IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPERS ONLY, AND
MAY BE AN EFFORT TO SET THE STAGE WITH THE USG AND U.S.
PRESS FOR SERIOUS CHARGES TO BE LEVIED AGAINST CH'EN
CHU. LATEST DEVELOPMENT IS CHINA NEWS HEADLINE SPECIFICALLY
CONNECTING U.S. PRIEST WITH "POSSIBLE SUBVERSION."
END SUMMARY.

1. FOLLOWING IS PORTION OF CHINA POST JUNE 29 EDITORIAL
TEXT. QUOTE: GENERAL JUAN URGED ALL CITIZENS TO REPORT
ALL COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES TO THE GOVERNMENT. THE CURRENT
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TV PROGRAMS OF INVITING ALL CITIZENS TO BE ALERT TO THE
DANGER OF CHINESE COMMUNIST INFILTRATION AND SUBVERSION
GO A LONG WAY IN SUFFOCATING THE ENEMIES EFFECTIVELY.
THE RECENT DISCOVERY OF ANTI-GOVERNMENT SUBVERSIVE PAPERS
AS WELL AS A LONG LIST OF EX-CONVICTS ENLISTED BY
THE CHINESE COMMUNIST AGENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN FUTURE
REBELLIOUS ATTEMPTS IN MISS CH'EN CHU'S RESIDENCE PROVES

(SIC) THE ACTUAL PRESENCE OF THE CHINESE COMMUNIST THREAT IN OUR MIDST. WE HOPE THE SECURITY AUTHORITIES IN CHARGE OF THIS CASE WILL TRACE THE ORIGIN OF THESE DOCUMENTS AND THE COMMUNIST AGENTS BEHIND THE OPERATION.

- THE UNCOVERING OF SUCH AGENTS SHOULD BE WIDELY PUBLICIZED TO SERVE AS A FACTUAL REMINDER OF THE PRESENCE OF THE IMMINENT CHINESE COMMUNIST THREAT. END QUOTE.

2. LOCAL CHINESE LANGUAGE PRESS REPORTED TEXT OF GARRISON COMMAND PRESS RELEASE (REF A). HOWEVER, THERE HAS BEEN ONLY ONE MENTION OF CASE IN CHINESE LANGUAGE PAPERS SINCE THEN. BY CONTRAST, THE CHINA POST JUNE 27 PRINTED THE (LOCAL) TGC PRESS RELEASE JUXTAPOSED WITH TEXT OF GEN. JUAN'S WARNING. THE CHINA NEWS ACCOUNT SAME DAY REPORTED CH'EN'S ARREST AND ADDED: QUOTE: MAJ. GEN. TUAN CHAI-FENG, SPOKESMAN FOR THE TGC, MADE THE DISCLOSURE (RE: CH'EN CHU) AFTER LT. GENERAL JUAN CHENG-CHANG, DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, CONFIRMED A CHINA NEWS REPORT THAT PEIPING HAS LAUNCHED AN ALL-OUT SUBVERSION OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA. END QUOTE.

3. CHINA NEWS JUNE 29 RAN STORY HEADLINED "TGC PROBES POSSIBLE SUBVERSION INVOLVING U.S. CATHOLIC PRIEST." STORY DRAWS ON INFORMATION IN TGC RELEASE TO FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS AND LOCAL (SHULLEN SHAW) UPI INTERVIEW
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WITH REV. RONALD BOCCIERI, IDENTIFIED AS 47 OF STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. STORY SAID: QUOTE: THE PRIEST TOLD UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL HE FULLY COOPERATED WITH THE INVESTIGATORS BUT OVER 100 PEOPLE IN HIS CHURCH WERE FRIGHTENED WHEN ABOUT 30 POLICEMEN SHOWED UP IN A VERY RUDE MANNER. ONE OF THE INVESTIGATORS CALLED BOCCIERI A LIAR, SAYING ONLY SIX OFFICERS AT THE CHURCH MADE AN EFFORT TO BE AS POLITE AS POSSIBLE. A FOREIGN AFFAIRS POLICE OFFICER AT PU HSIN TOLD UPI THE PRIEST WAS NO STRANGER TO THE LAW OFFICERS. HE SAID BOCCIERI WAS REPRIMANDED BY POLICE IN 1974 FOR PREACHING MORE POLITICS THAN GOSPEL. UNQUOTE

4. COMMENTS: ENGLISH LANGUAGE PRESS TREATMENT OF CH'EN CHU APPEARS TO BE GRADUALLY BUILDING A CASE LINKING HER WITH COMMUNIST SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES. THE LACK OF SUCH SPECULATION OR INNUENDO IN CHINESE LANGUAGE PRESS TO DATE SUGGESTS APPROACH IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE PRESS IS DESIGNED TO CONDITION WESTERN OBSERVERS, PARTICULARLY U.S., FOR WHAT IS COMING NEXT. WE STILL DO NOT KNOW WHETHER OR NOT THE GROC PLANS TO BRING CHARGES AGAINST REV. BOCCIERI. AT PRESENT HE IS STILL BELIEVED TO BE FREE

FREE, HOWEVER SOME LOCAL REPORTERS WHO WERE ABLE TO GET
THROUGH BY TELEPHONE TO THE MARYKNOLL MISSION AT LO TS'U,
PU HSIN, WERE NOT ABLE TO REACH HIM. BOCCIERI PREVIOUSLY
TOLD EMBOFF HE WOULD CONTACT EMBASSY CONS AND POL
SECTIONS IF HE THOUGHT HE WOULD BE ARRESTED OR PICKED
UP FOR QUESTIONING. THE LINKING OF AN AMERICAN CITIZEN
WITH POSSIBLE COMMUNIST SUBVERSION FURTHER COMPLICATES
CH'EN CHU'S CASE AND EMBASSY HANDLING OF SAME.
PLEASE INFORM US IF MARYKNOLL HEADQUARTERS APPROACHES
DEPARTMENT ON INCIDENT. UNGER

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